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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/921,996	Applicant(s) SHIBA, TOYOMI	
	Examiner Marcus Charles	Art Unit 3682	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Marcus Charles. (3)_____.

(2) Robert Carpenter. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 06 August 2003.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: N/A.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-11.

Identification of prior art discussed: Sekine et al. (5,123,880) and Lecourturier et al. (5,123,879).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Claim 3 was considered to contain the allowable subject matter and the 112 rejection had to be overcome. claim 2, must be amended to include inner peripheral surface the innermost resilient member and the outer peripheral surface of the outermost metal assembly. In addition, the specification must provide an explanation as to how the clearance in claim 3 is obtained. No agreement was reached as to the allowability of claims 1 and 11.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required